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OUR QUEST HAS BEEN AN UNEQUIVOCAL SUCCESS.
NOW, WE MAY HARVEST THE FRUITS OF OUR LABORS...
...NOW, WE MAY HARVEST THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE!

CHAPTER FOUR: *UNEQUIVOCAL SUCCESS*

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WE BEGIN, OF COURSE, WITH THE *FIRST* OF THE THREE NEW *KEYS* TO *POWER*...
...THE *NECKLACE OF CLEOPATRA*.
A *GIFT* FROM THE GODDESS *HATHOR* TO THAT *EGYPTIAN QUEEN*...
...IT EVENTUALLY PASSED TO *CATHERINE THE GREAT*, AND STILL LATER TO THE *PRINCESS AGA KHAN*...
...UNTIL IT WAS PURCHASED AT AUCTION BY OUR OWN *ANTOINETTE DRACON*.
AS USUAL, THE *HUMANS* DID NOT KNOW WHAT THEY POSSESSED, FOR *LESS* THAN A *MILLION* DOLLARS...
...THEY GAVE UP A *TALISMAN* CAPABLE OF *BENDING* AN INDIVIDUAL'S VERY *WILL*.

NOW, THE SECOND KEY, BROKEN IN TWO FOR OVER A THOUSAND YEARS...
...AND AT LAST REFORGED ANEW!
GUNGNIR, THE ODINSPEAR, THE LANCE OF FATE! INCAPABLE OF MISSING ITS INTENDED TARGET!
ARGGGHH
IT BURNS, BUT THE PAIN IS WELL WORTH IT. THE PAIN BRINGS FOCUS.

FINALLY, THE THIRD KEY--PUCK'S FLUTE...
...WHOSE MYSTIC MELODIES CAN ENTHRALL ALL WITHIN EARSHOT...
CAN YOU ACTUALLY PLAY THIS INSTRUMENT, SISTER?
I KNOW NO TOUCH OF IT, BROTHER. NOR WILL I REQUIRE ANY.
OBSERVE...
THE POWER OF THE NECKLACE AND LANCE...
...WILL SOUND THIS PIPE FROM ITS LOWEST NOTE TO THE TOP OF ITS COMPASS...
IT'S BEAUTIFUL...
...REVEALING MUCH MUSIC, EXCELLENT VOICE, IN THIS LITTLE ORGAN...
...WHILE SLOWLY EXTENDING ITS RANGE INTO THE INFINITE!
SUBLIME...

THUS, BY THESE PEARLS AND BY THIS LANCE, ALL HUMANS CRAVE TO SERVE COMMANDS!
OF ANY GARGOYLE THEY DO MEET, AND OF THOSE, I SHALL BE ELITE!
SO SINGS THIS FLUTE, IN PROXY OF MY VOICE, MY WILL, MY RULE ABOVE!
=GASP=
DID IT *WORK*? I DON'T *FEEL* ANY DIFFERENT.
YOU WOULDN'T, AS YOU WERE *ALREADY LOYAL* AND *ENTHRALLED* TO ME. BESIDES...
...THE *ENCHANTMENT* MAKES *HUMAN FEALTY* TO GARGOYLES SEEM MOST *NATURAL*, MOST *RIGHT*--
--AS, OF COURSE, IT *SHOULD*.
NOW WHAT?
NOW, WE GIVE *THANKS*. FOR A *NEW WORLD* IS AT HAND...

THANKSGIVING, NOVEMBER 27, 1997.
OKAY, ANGELA, IT SAYS HERE TO DUNK IT FOR THREE MINUTES PER POUND...
...SO I THINK WE SHOULD START NOW.
I THINK SOMEONE'S HUNGRY.
GUILTY. BROADWAY'S HUNGRY. BIG SURPRISE.
BUT I STILL THINK WE SHOULD START NOW.
SEE! BINZY THE POLKA-DOT DINOSAUR POPPED THIS MORNING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PARADE!
EWS NEWS
DOGGIE!
THAT'S KINDA SAD.
WHAT'S SAD, LEX, IS THAT THERE ARE NO GIANT GARGOYLE BALLOONS!
I MEAN, WE'RE BETTER THAN BINZY!

WELCOME, FRIEND ROBBINS.
GILLY AND I APPRECIATE THE INVITE, HUDSON.
PLEASE. AFTER ALL THE TIMES YOU OFFERED ME HOSPITALITY...
...THE INVITATION WAS LONG PAST DUE.
I APPRECIATE THE CONCEPT OF A DAY OF GRATITUDE, BROOKLYN.
WE DO HAVE A LOT TO BE THANKFUL FOR, KATANA...
...INCLUDING THE FACT THAT THIS ROOKLING, ONCE HATCHED--
--WILL HAVE THE WHOLE CLAN TO RAISE IT.

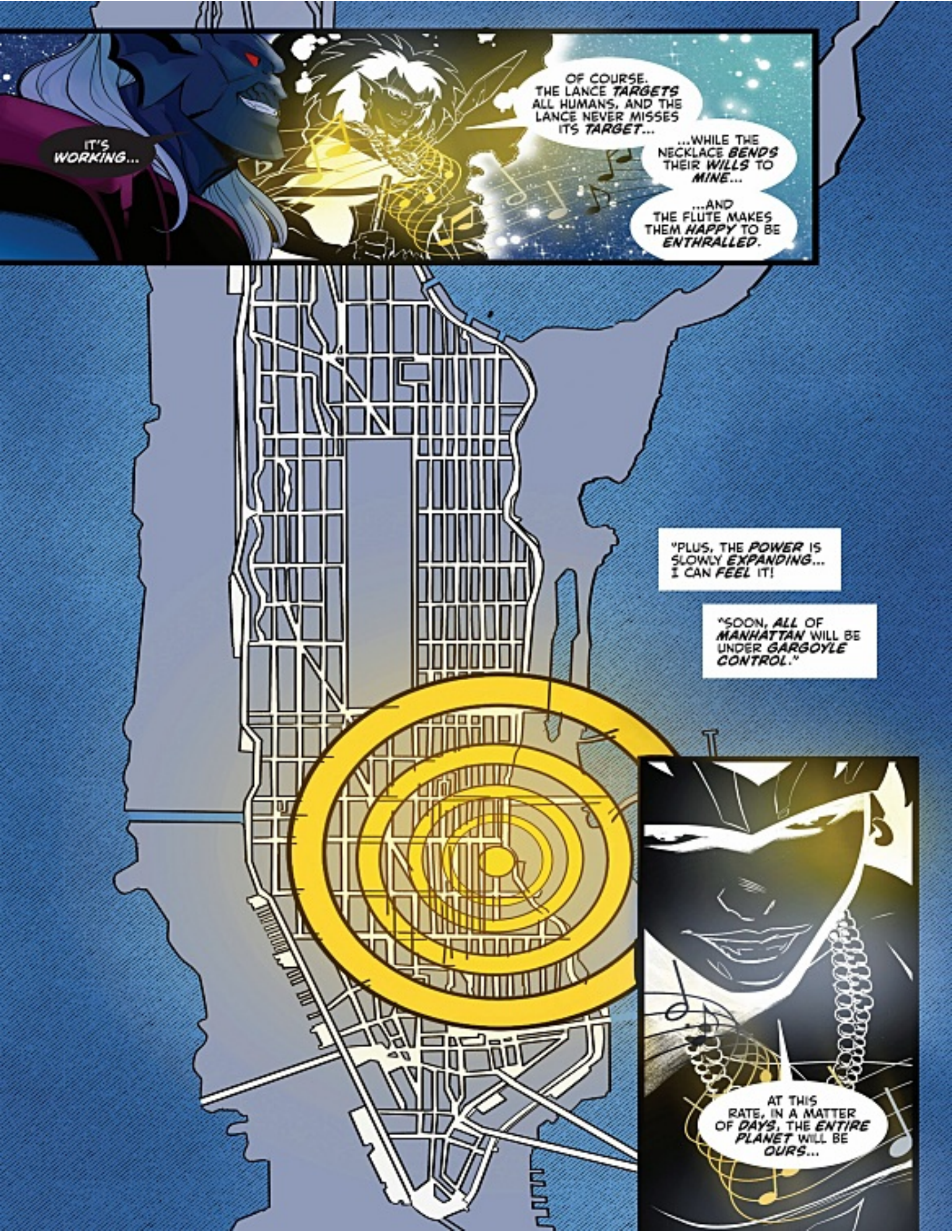
...SO THANKSGIVING CELEBRATES INDIGENOUS COOPERATION WITH EUROPEAN COLONISTS?
THAT'S THE THEORY...
DOES IT ADDRESS WHAT I ASSUME FOLLOWED?
BECAUSE THE ENCOUNTERS THE MAYAN CLAN WITNESSED BETWEEN NATIVE AND COLONIAL POPULATIONS IN THE GREEN...
...WELL, LET'S JUST SAY...IT WASN'T PRETTY. NOT FOR THE HUMANS...OR THE GARGOYLES.
YEAH, IT'S A... COMPLICATED HOLIDAY FOR MY FAMILY, TOO.
SEE, MY MOTHER GREW UP CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING. BUT MY FATHER...
...NOT SO MUCH.
[SIGH] PERHAPS IT IS TIME FOR JADE AND I TO MOVE ON.
WE HAVE STAYED FOR MONTHS, HOPING TO HELP IN YOUR CONFLICT WITH DEMONA...
...BUT EVENTUALLY, WE WILL NEED TO RETURN TO AVALON IN THE HOPE OF GOING HOME.
I UNDERSTAND. YOU HAVE TO DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO.
MEANWHILE...

"...THE HUNT FOR DEMONA CONTINUES..."
BROTHER, THIS SEEMS A HOPELESS ENDEAVOR.
WE SEARCH AND SEARCH FOR OUR WAYWARD SISTER OR SOME SIGN OF HER POWER...
...YET WE ARE NO CLOSER NOW THAN WE WERE SOME MONTHS AGO.
WE HAVE BEEN CLOSE--MULTIPLE TIMES--BUT ALWAYS SHE HAS VANISHED JUST AS WE ARRIVED.
YOU SUSPECT SHE WAS WARNED?
BY HER SORCERY, YES.
ONCE, I COULD HAVE PROVIDED ANOTHER PATH TO LOCATING HER...
...AS A LIVING GARGOYLE, I WAS QUITE SENSITIVE TO THE KIND OF POWER DEMONA SEEKS TO WIELD...
...BUT THIS CURSED METAL SHELL HAS DAMPENED MY CONNECTION TO THE WORLD AROUND US...
...AND I FEAR I HAVE LOST THOSE SENSITIVITIES.

I THINK THAT UNLIKELY. YOU ARE AS MUCH A GARGOYLE NOW AS YOU EVER WERE.
YOU ARE NOT DEFINED BY YOUR OUTER SHELL, SISTER, BUT BY YOUR HEART AND SOUL...
...AND I HAVE OBSERVED NO ALTERATION TO THOSE, IN ALL THE TIME I HAVE KNOWN YOU.
THANK YOU. I HOPE YOU ARE RIGHT.
IN ANY CASE, WE WILL CONTINUE THE SEARCH.
YES. ALTHOUGH I FEAR THE REST OF THE CLAN HAS GROWN COMPLACENT.
EVEN BROOKLYN RARELY JOINS THE HUNT...
...THOUGH I SUPPOSE I SHOULD BE GLAD HE SEEMS TO HAVE OUTGROWN HIS OBSESSION WITH DEMONA.
PERHAPS IT IS AN OBSESSION HE HAS PASSED ON TO COLDSTONE, WHO SEEKS HER NIGHT AND DAY.
I CONFESS IT HAS PUT SOME... DISTANCE BETWEEN US.
DISTANCE? I URGE YOU NOT TO ALLOW SUCH A DISTANCE TO INCREASE...

*...WITH HINDSIGHT, I NOW BELIEVE A SIMILAR DISTANCE CREPT BETWEEN MY ANGEL AND MYSELF...
*...LONG BEFORE HER ROLE IN THE WYVERN MASSACRE SEPARATED US FOR A THOUSAND YEARS.
*UNTIL THEN, I WAS SLOW--EVEN RELUCTANT--TO ACKNOWLEDGE IT...
*...AND THUS COULD NOT PREVENT THE INEVITABLE."
YET NOW THERE IS ELISA.
YES. I AM BLESSED. AND I HAVE PROMISED TO MEET WITH HER AT THE PRECINCT HOUSE.
DO THAT...
...WHILE I SEEK MY OWN MATE...

"...IN THE HOPE OF REDUCING THE DISTANCE BETWEEN US."
THE COAST IS CLEAR.
OH, I HOPE NOT...
...AFTER ALL, WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?
BROTHER, WOULD YOU LOOK AT--
WHAT IS YOUR WILL, MY GARGOYLE-MAGISTRA?
THAT YOU REMAIN MY GRATEFUL THRALLS, MY PUPPETS-IN-PERPETUITY.
AS YOU COMMAND, GARGOYLE-MAGISTRA.


IT'S WORKING...
OF COURSE. THE LANCE TARGETS ALL HUMANS, AND THE LANCE NEVER MISSES ITS TARGET...
...WHILE THE NECKLACE BENDS THEIR WILLS TO MINE...
...AND THE FLUTE MAKES THEM HAPPY TO BE ENTHRALLED.
"PLUS, THE POWER IS SLOWLY EXPANDING... I CAN FEEL IT!
"SOON, ALL OF MANHATTAN WILL BE UNDER GARGOYLE CONTROL."
AT THIS RATE, IN A MATTER OF DAYS, THE ENTIRE PLANET WILL BE OURS...

I WAS SURPRISED YOU CHOSE TO MEET UP HERE.
IT SEEMED RIGHT--FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE...
...ALSO, BEST NOT TO BE CAUGHT SNOGGING IN THE SQUAD ROOM.

AND WAS SHRR-HMME "SNOGGING" THE ONLY REASON YOU SUMMONED ME...
NO. JUST MY FAVORITE REASON.
BUT ALSO, I WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT MATT AND THE G.T.F. HAVE HAD NO LUCK LOCATING DEMONA.
XANATOS AND OWEN REPORTED THE SAME RESULT.
I SEE NO OTHER REMEDY BUT TO CONTINUE PATROLS, LOOKING FOR SOME SIGN OF HER...
...BUT WILL I SEE YOU AGAIN AT THE CASTLE FOR BROADWAY'S BIG FEAST?
WOULDN'T MISS IT.

GOOD. HE'S GOING...
I'M NOT *QUITE* READY FOR A CONFRONTATION.
COLDFIRE TO ***COLDSTONE***--ARE YOU THERE, MY ***LOVE?*** I ***NEED*** FOR US TO SPEAK--***FACE*** TO ***FACE.***
I HEAR YOU, MY ***ONLY.*** I STILL SEARCH FOR OUR SISTER. WHERE ARE YOU?
SENDING ***COORDINATES.***
ON MY WAY.
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS PART...

IF GOLIATH IS CORRECT, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECALL MY OLD LESSONS...
TO ACCESS MY SPIRIT...
TO REACH PAST THIS METALLIC FRAME...
TO STILL MY CIRCUITS...
TO COMMUNE WITH MY SOUL...
...AND TOUCH THE INFINITE WONDERS OF OUR WORLD.

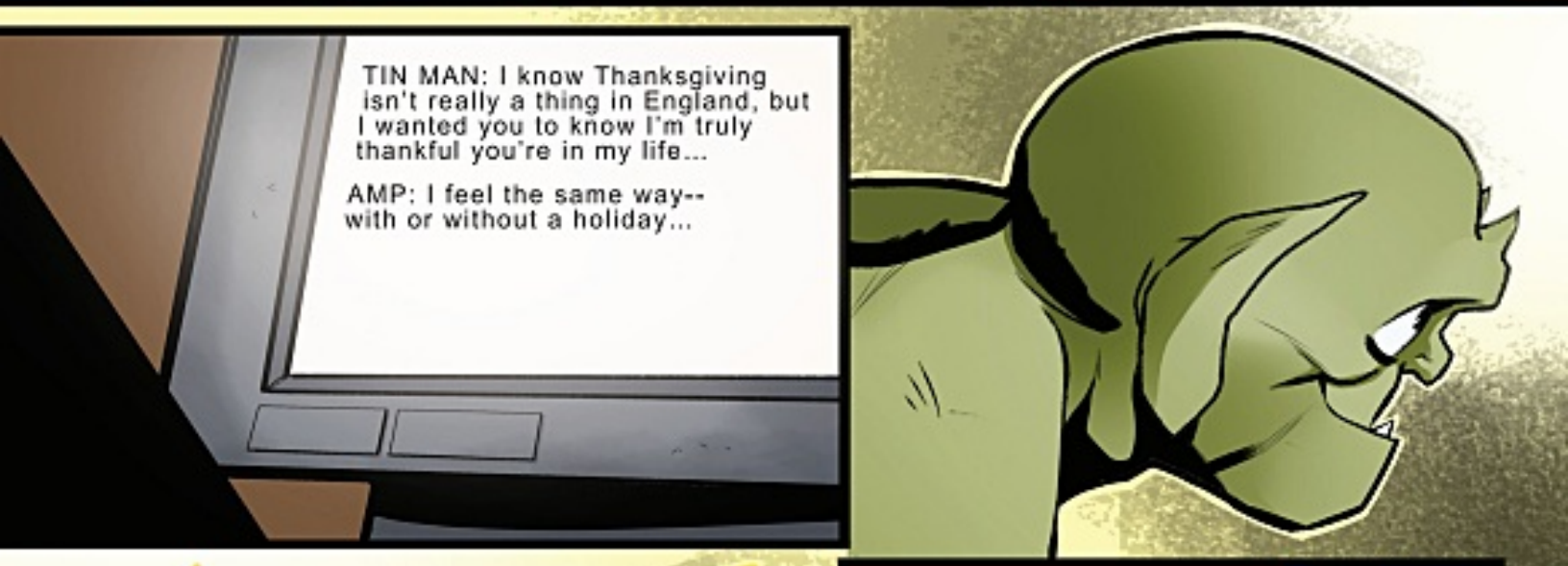
COLDFIRE...?
COLDFIRE!
SOMETHING IS NOT RIGHT HERE!
HUMANS, HAVE NO FEAR. WE SEEK ONLY TO HELP YOU.

WHAT IS YOUR WILL, MY GARGOYLE-MAGISTRA?
WHAT IS YOUR WILL, MY GARGOYLE-MAGISTER?

WHAT IS YOUR WILL, MY GARGOYLE-MAGISTRA?
FULL ACCESS. UNANNOUNCED.

WHAT IS YOUR WILL, MY GARGOYLE-MAGISTRA?
WASN'T ENTIRELY CERTAIN THIS WOULD WORK ON YOU, DEAR FOX...
...BUT I SUPPOSE YOU'RE MORE HUMAN THAN NOT.
YES, GARGOYLE-MAGISTRA.
AS FOR YOU, XANATOS, I BELIEVE I'LL ENJOY MAKING YOU DO MY BIDDING.
MY PLEASURE, GARGOYLE-MAGISTRA.
AND TRICKSTER--
--HOW I APPLAUD YOUR COMMITMENT TO YOUR ROLE...
...YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION TO REMAIN AS THE HUMAN OWEN BURNETT FOR ETERNITY.
THANK YOU, GARGOYLE-MAGISTRA.
NOW, LET'S SEE WHAT OTHER AMUSEMENTS WE CAN FIND HERE...

THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF BOOKS IN THIS ROOM, ROBBINS...
...AND THANKS TO YOU, I'VE READ A SCORE OF 'EM.
THAT'S WONDERFUL, HUDSON.
TIN MAN: I know Thanksgiving isn't really a thing in England, but I wanted you to know I'm truly thankful you're in my life...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AMP: I feel the same way-- with or without a holiday...

DO YOU HEAR THAT... STRANGE MUSIC?

WELCOME HOME, GOLIATH...
THANK YOU, KATANA.
HAS ELISA YET ARRIVED?
I'M HERE...
...AND I'M NOT ALONE.

WHAT IS YOUR WILL, MY GARGOYLE-MAGISTRA?
HMMM... HARD TO SAY...
...AFTER ALL, THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS...
NEXT: ENDLESS LOVE!

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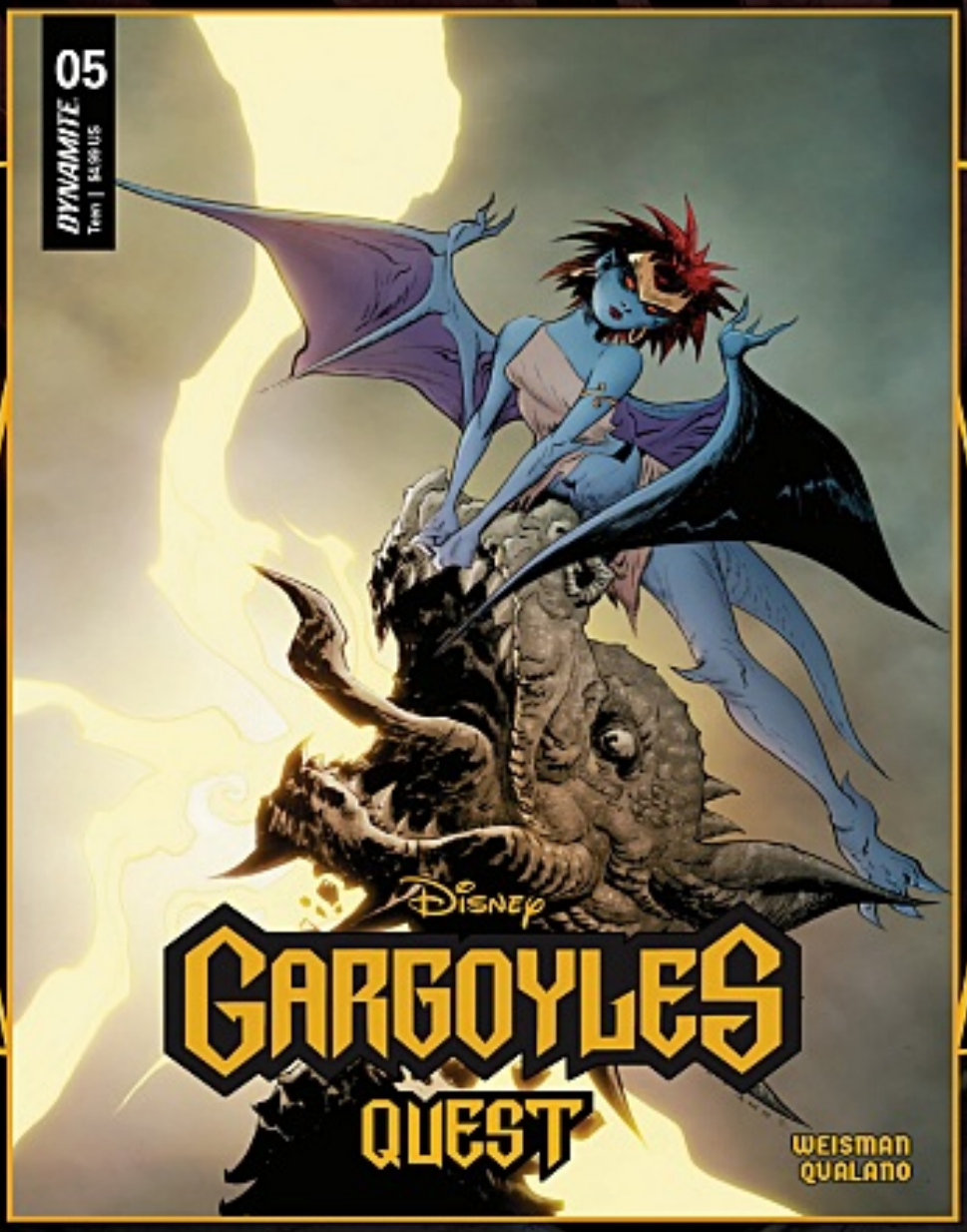

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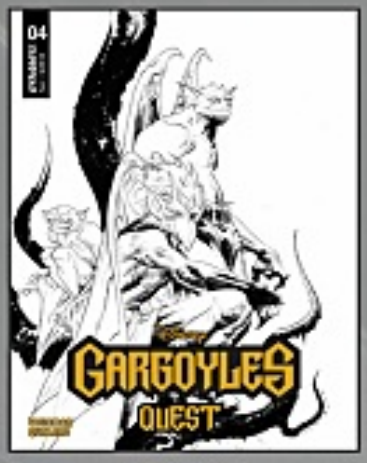

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